

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method of displaying an electronic file to a primary user having a primary workstation, said primary workstation coupled to a global computer network, and at least one secondary viewer at a remote location, comprising:

accessing a first file and displaying contents of said first file on said primary workstation;

displaying said contents of said first file at said remote location on a secondary workstation, said secondary workstation coupled to said global computer network;

accessing a second file, said second file comprising information relating to said first file; and

displaying first and second contents of said second file ~~only~~ on said primary workstation as ~~an~~ a transparent overlay to said displayed contents of said first file; and ~~wherein said second file is not viewable by said at least one secondary viewer.~~

displaying said second contents of said second file on said secondary workstation while not displaying said first contents of said second file on said secondary workstation.

Claim 2 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein said second file comprises annotations to said first file.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 2, ~~wherein displaying further comprising:~~ comprises

displaying said contents of said first file on another plural secondary workstation ~~workstations~~ and wherein said first contents of said second file are ~~is~~ displayed as ~~an a~~

transparent overlay to said displayed contents of said first file on selected but not all of said another plural secondary workstation-workstations.

Claim 4 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein said first file and said second file are stored in a server computer.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 4, wherein said first file and second file are a single file, and ~~further wherein~~ said second file contains a code to indicate that said first contents of said second file ~~is~~are not for display at said secondary workstation.

Claim 6 (Original): The method of claim 3, wherein said primary workstation comprises a plurality of memory units, and wherein said first file is stored in a first memory unit and said second file is stored in a second memory unit.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 6, wherein said first and second contents of said second file ~~are~~is overlaid over said contents of said first file using means for coupling said first file and said second file.

Claim 8 (Original): The method of claim 7, wherein said global computer network comprises a videoconferencing system.

Claim 9 (Original): The method of claim 3, wherein said primary user comprises a customer service representative and said secondary viewer comprises a customer, and said global computer network comprises the Internet.

Claim 10 (Original): The method of claim 1, further comprising activating said first file for editing by said at least one secondary viewer.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A method of synchronous collaboration between a plurality of remote users, each of said plurality of remote users having a user workstation, each of said user workstations being interconnected via a network of interconnected computers, wherein a first one of said plurality of remote users is a host, comprising:

accessing a file for said collaboration, said file having contents having a first and second states, ~~in which data stored in said first state is displayed to all of said plurality of remote users, and in which data stored in said second state is displayed only to said host as an overlay to said first state;~~

displaying said file on said plurality of user workstations, including displaying ~~wherein said contents data stored in said second state is only displayed to said host and to a subset of said plurality of user workstations, and displaying wherein said data stored in said first state is displayed to said host and to all of said plurality of user workstations remote users;~~ and

enabling at least one of said plurality of remote users to edit said data stored in said first state.

Claim 12 (Original): The method of claim 11, wherein said network comprises a videoconference system.

Claim 13 (Original): The method of claim 11, wherein said file is stored in a location remote to any of said plurality of remote users.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 13, wherein said file comprises a first file and a second file, wherein said first file comprises said data stored in said first state, and said second file comprises said data stored in said second state.

Claim 15 (Original): The method of claim 14, wherein said first file and said second file are stored in separate memory units.

Claim 16 (Original): The method of claim 15, further comprising a plurality of third files, each of said plurality of third files comprising a personal file of one of said plurality of remote users.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 16, further comprising means for transparently overlaying contents of each of said plurality of said third files over contents of said first file on respective ones of said user workstations.

Claim 18 (Original): The method of claim 17, further comprising a common annotation file, said common annotation file relating to said first file and accessible by more than one of said plurality of remote users.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A system for videoconferencing, comprising:  
a first workstation having at least a first and second memory unit, said first memory unit adapted to store a first file, said second memory unit adapted to store a second file, said second file comprising information relating to said first file;

at least one video display located remote to said first workstation, said at least one video display interconnected to said first workstation and

said first workstation containing programmed instructions to cause contents of the first file to be displayed on both the first workstation and the at least one video display, and to cause first and second contents of the second file to be displayed ~~only~~ on the first workstation and only said second contents of the second file to be displayed on the second workstation as an-a transparent overlay to said contents of said first file.

Claim 20 (Original): The system of claim 19, wherein said first and second memory units comprise VGA memories.

Claim 21 (Original): The system of claim 20, wherein said second file comprises an annotation of said first file.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 21, wherein aid first workstation further comprises coupling means to permit said contents of said first file and said first and second contents of said second file to be displayed on said first workstation.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 20, wherein said first contents of said second file ~~are~~-is displayed as ~~an-a transparent~~ overlay to said contents of said first file on said first workstation and selected ones of the video displays but less than all of the video displays.

Claim 24 (Original): The system of claim 19, wherein said second file contains a code which correlates said second file to said first file.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): A machine readable storage medium comprising a set of instructions executable by a computer system to implement a method, the method comprising:

accessing a first file and displaying contents of said first file on a primary workstation;

displaying said contents of said first file on a secondary workstation, said secondary workstation coupled to said primary workstation and located remotely to said primary workstation;

accessing a second file, said second file comprising annotations to said first file; and displaying said first and second contents of said second file only on said primary workstation; ; ~~and wherein said second file is not viewable on said secondary workstation.~~

displaying said second contents of said second file on said secondary workstation while not displaying said first contents of said second file on said secondary workstation.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): The machine-readable storage medium of claim 25, wherein the machine-readable storage medium includes ~~a any of~~ magnetic storage medium, including one of a disk and tape storage medium, an optical storage medium, ~~a including~~ compact disk memory, ~~and a~~ digital video disk storage medium; a nonvolatile memory storage memory; and a volatile storage medium; ~~and modulated, electronic signals.~~